(b) Construction of Dallirajahara-Rowghat-Jogdalpur new broad gauge line (235 kms.) has been included in Railway Budget of 1995-96 at an estimated cost of Rs. 369 crores. SAIL will bear the actual cost of construction between Dallirajahara and Rowghat (95 kms.). Work can be taken up after the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and deposit of money by SAIL and other parties. Ministry of Environment and Forests to use of Bailadila Mines, and have indicated that they would sign the MOU and release the amount only after the clearance from MOEF is received.

Transfer of Doctors

4033. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of doctors working on the same place for more than ten years in the Western Railway;

(b) the number of doctors who are being transferred frequently by the Chief Medical Officer, Western Railway without any reason; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) 44 (Forty four)

(b) Nil

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Use of Machines for Official Language

4034. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether dozen of machines like computers, telexes, tele-printers etc., have been made bilingual;

(b) if so, the percentage of work done on the Devnagari machine in comparison to the work done on Roman script machines;

(c) whether work on the Devnagari script machines is hindred due to departmental files being only in English;

(d) if so, the measures taken by the Departments for equal utilisation of Devnagri script machines; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government for doing cent percent work in the official language in those Sections/Departments which have been declared Hindi knowing departments under sections 10(4) and 8(4) of the Official Language Act?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the quarterly progress reports received for the quarter ending March, 1996, the percentages of bilingual (Hindi-English) electronic typewriters and computers of the total number of electronic typewriters and computers being used in Ministries/Departments are 73.3 and 57.7 respectively. The percentage of the work being done in Hindi on these machines is 36.5.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Necessary orders are issued by the Department of Official Language from time to time that the employees having working knowledge of Hindi should do their work in Hindi only. This is also ensured during the inspections conducted by this Department. Defficiencies, wherever noticed, are brought to the notice of higher officers of the concerned Departments.

[English]

Purchase by Railway Hospitals

4035. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any standard of quantity or technical specifications have been laid down for the purchase of Medical consumables, medical disposables and Medical electronic equipment by the Railway Hospitals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the particulars of purchases made by the Railway Hospitals of the medical disposables and consumables during 1994-95 and 1995-96 item-wise; and

(d) the names of manufacturers and suppliers of the said items who are registered of regular suppliers to the various Railway Hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). Yes Sir. A well defined procurement system conforming to quality standards and other technical specifications is available on Indian Railways which is updated from time to time according to the needs.

(c) and (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Shatabdi/Rajdhani Express Trains

4036. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN
SHRI A.C. JOS :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the criteria adopted for running of the Shatabdi/Rajdhani Express trains;

(b) whether any such new trains are proposed to be introduced during the current year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?